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RE: INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES
(INTERPEN);
NEUTRALITY MATTERS.

MM T-1, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past five years, and who has furnished reliable information in the past, during August and September, 1963, advised that Gerald Patrick Hemming, American soldier of fortune and mercenary, continues to be active in Cuban revolutionary activities and makes unsuccessful attempts to collect money donations to establish military training camps and launch expeditions to Cuba. ~~(u)~~

MM T-1 advised that Hemming's force of fifteen to twenty American adventurers called Interpen is no longer in existence; however, Hemming is able to obtain any number of his past associates for a specific endeavor, such as a robbery attempt, demonstration or participation in a plan to promote a military expedition to Cuba. ~~(u)~~

On June 6, 1963, MM T-1 advised that Hemming visited Carlos Prio Socarras, 5070 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Florida, former President of Cuba. Prio said he would sponsor a military training camp and conferred with Hemming. ~~(u)~~

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concerning a proposed site for a training camp, the number of men to receive military training, and the length of time necessary to train these men. Hemming volunteered to establish and run the training camp, and agreed with Prio that he, Hemming, would be in charge of the camp. Prio stated he would be ready in about fifteen or twenty days to confer with Hemming again concerning this training camp and to hear Hemming's ideas on specific operations that could be carried out at such a camp. Prio said he would give Hemming \$100.00 to pay Hemming's room rent. (u)

On July 11, 1963, MM T-1 advised that Hemming left Miami, Florida, on July 3, 1963, and arrived the following day at Dallas, Texas, where he conferred with Irwin A. Walker, former General, U. S. Army, the well-known segregationist. Walker told Hemming he did not want to participate in Cuban affairs because he does not want to back any specific cause, but rather, be readily available to fight Communism all over the United States. (u)

Hemming also conferred with Lester R. Logue, Logue and Patterson, Inc., 628 Meadows Building, Dallas, Texas, who is a geologist, oil man, and extremely rich. Logue said he has a six to eight-man group which is interested in fighting against Communism, but he could not participate with Hemming at that time for fear of offending U. S. Government officials. Logue explained that he has been working with a Colonel and Major who are in the U. S. Army Reserve; these two individuals are due for promotion; and, in the near future, will go to Washington, D. C. to attend a U. S. Government intelligence briefing. (u)

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After these two individuals return from Washington, they will brief Logue and will be available to assist Hemming in some way. Logue stated that if Hemming could obtain donations for one significant operation against Cuba, donations in the future would be easier to obtain. Logue stated that in about ten days he would visit Miami, Florida, and set up an intelligence-gathering office in Miami, send a man to handle the funds, and would see people about donating boats to Hemming's anti-Castro movement in Miami. Thereafter, Hemming returned to Miami, Florida. (u)

On August 6, 1963, MM T-1 advised that Frank Nelson, of New York City, an American adventurer who has been connected with Cuban and Dominican Republic revolutionary activities in the past, recently visited Miami and conferred with Hemming. Nelson claimed he was representing a friend who was interested in buying PT boats for shipment to some country in Africa. Nelson and Hemming visited different boatyards in the Miami area, and on August 7, 1963, Nelson returned to New York City. (u)

On September 13, 1963, Mr. Wallace Shanley, U. S. Customs, Miami, advised that Richard Watley was one of the five arrested on June 20, 1963, by U. S. Customs, and charged with violation of Title 26, Section 541, U. S. Code, for being in possession of a machinegun.

This incident was a matter involving Hemming's plans to rob Michael R. Morino of weapons reportedly stored

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at Morino's residence at 5730 N. W. 113th Terrace, Hialeah, Florida. At the time of arrest, Watley gave the name James Lewis, but his fingerprints reflected his true identity and that he was also wanted as a parole violator from some other state. He was unable to make bond, and the Judge ordered a sanity hearing be given to Watley. On September 9, 1963, he went to trial at U. S. District Court, Miami, Florida, and on September 10, 1963, he was found not guilty.

Mr. Shanley advised that the other four individuals, Roy Hargraves, Joseph Garman, Justin Wilson, and Michael R. Morino, are scheduled for trial on October 22, 1963. These individuals are presently out on bond.

On September 17, 1963, MM T-1 advised that Hemming has had no further contact with Logue since Hemming's visit to Dallas, Texas, on July 3, 1963. MM T-1 said that Hemming has been in contact with Carlos Prio Socarras, but so far, no training camp has been established. MM T-1 explained that Hemming is always busy arranging plans for training camps, arms purchases, and invasions of Cuba, but is very seldom ever successful in his plans, which are more ambitious than Hemming's ability to carry them out. *X(u)*

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